



## **Nomination Request for Environmental Educator of the Year Awards**

New Hampshire Environmental Educators (NHEE) is seeking nominations for three annual awards recognizing New Hampshire's outstanding environmental educators. To learn more about NHEE visit [www.nhee.org](http://www.nhee.org)

The awards are open to all full-time New Hampshire public and private school teachers employed in grades K-12, college or graduate school and non-formal educators working in New Hampshire. Runners-up from previous years are eligible and encouraged to apply. Awards are presented in elementary (K-6), middle/secondary school (7-12), and non-formal/higher education categories.

Winning educators will each receive a \$200 cash award and a one-year membership in New Hampshire Environmental Educators. Recognition of the winners will occur at the NHEE Annual Conference on March 11.

Applications may be submitted either by an educator on his/her own behalf or by a colleague, supervisor, or student. **Submissions in hard copy (no electronic submissions please) must be post marked by February 1, 2009.** A selection committee will choose the finalists from each category by reviewing completed applications.

To enter, fill out the form below and include a letter describing how the nominee's teaching fits the following criteria:

- engages students (youth or adults) in active examination of environmental topics/issues
- promotes individual and social responsibility in the use of natural resources
- encourages student involvement and action to bring about positive change for the environment
- uses creative and innovative approaches to EE programming
- if appropriate, connects student learning about the environment with the NH State Curriculum Frameworks or NAAEE Guidelines for Excellence

We are especially receptive to nominations of practitioners who:

- make connections between learners and their community
- create programs that take the practitioner outside her/his usual practice
- are involved in programs that represent advances in new and innovative practice of EE

The letter should be no more than two pages long, in 12 point type with .75" margins. Supporting materials are welcome. And may be returned if requested and return postage is provided.

Please make additional copies of this form as needed. If you have any questions, send them to [ruthnaturally@verizon.net](mailto:ruthnaturally@verizon.net)

Thank you,  
Ruth Smith, NHEE Board Member

**2009 NH ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR SUBMISSION FORM**

Educator Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Subject: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Category: Elementary \_\_ Secondary/Middle \_\_ Non-forma/College \_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street or PO Box) (Town) (State) (Zip)

Home Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street or PO Box) (Town) (State) (Zip)

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street or PO Box) (Town) (State) (Zip)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this award and nomination process? NHEE \_\_\_\_ NHSTA \_\_\_\_ Word of mouth \_\_\_\_

Other: (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_

How long has the nominee been involved in environmental education?

1-5 yrs \_\_\_\_ 5-10 years \_\_\_\_ 10-15 years \_\_\_\_ > 15 years \_\_\_\_

**Additional space may be used to answer these questions**

How is the nominee's commitment to the environment exhibited in her/his personal life?

How has the nominee inspired colleagues as well as students?

What innovative techniques or ideas has the nominee exhibited in her/his teaching?

Describe particular student outcome that has resulted from her/his work.

**Return form by February 1, 2009 to:** Environmental Educator Award, c/o Ruth Smith, 234 South West Road, Canterbury, NH 03224.